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Cross Ranch State Park hosts a program on Sanger

Cross Ranch State Park will host a program on the history of Sanger, a local ghost town, on Saturday, September 5, beginning at 8 p.m. The hour-long amphitheater program is open to the public and includes free popcorn.

Sanger, located near Highway 1806 and the BNSF railroad tracks, is one of a thousand ghost towns which served a role in the development of North Dakota. Its history harkens to the days when steamboats on the Missouri River carried people and cargo to points north of Bismarck. The railroad added to the town's growth and, at one period, Sanger boasted a bank, mercantile store, community hall, and more.

"The social life of Sanger included dances and basket socials," Laura Kohn, CRSP interpreter says. "Starting in 1916, Sanger even had a newspaper to record the important events of the day."

Cross Ranch State Park is located on Highway 1806 and has just celebrated its 20th birthday. The program will be held at the amphitheater near the parks River People's visitors center..

There is ample parking and the program is free and open to the public -- however, regular park entrance fees apply. For more information contact Cross Ranch State Park at 701-794-3731. Camping reservations can be made by calling 800-807-4723 or online at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.